

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

MAY 4, 1858.—Ordered to be printed.

Mr. JONES submitted the following

REPORT.

The Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the petition of Charles Grampp, praying that his pension may be made to commence from the date of his discharge, have had the same under consideration, and beg leave to report:

They find that the said Grampp was a private in the Kentucky volunteers, and received an injury of the back and head from a fall while on his way to Mexico. He was discharged on a surgeon's certificate at Camargo, Mexico, on the 31st of August, 1846, for sickness and disability. On the 1st of December, 1857, he made his declaration for a pension, and the proofs being completed on the 11th of February following, he was pensioned from that date at \$8 per month. He asks the passage of a special act authorizing his pension to commence from the date of his discharge from the army.

The committee are unwilling, except perhaps in cases of extraordinary merit, to depart from the existing law, that all pensions shall commence from the date of the completion of proofs, and they are unable to discover in the case of this petitioner any good reason for varying this rule. They therefore recommend that the prayer of the petitioner be denied.

